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From: Commanding General
To: All Hands

Subj: WATER CONSERVATION POLICY

The Combat Center is the Marine Corps' premier training installation, providing an unmatched setting for Marines to conduct combined arms training and enhance their combat readiness. Over 11,000 Marines and Sailors are assigned to the installation and more than 8,000 family members call it home. To sustain training and daily operations in this harsh and austere desert environment, the Combat Center relies exclusively on an underground aquifer for all of our water requirements. Every day we utilize or consume over two million gallons of water while living in a State facing an unprecedented drought which has imposed mandatory water restrictions and stringent conservation strategies.

I am committed to the conservation and sustainability of our water resources. Water conservation, using water efficiently, and avoiding waste, is absolutely fundamental to ensuring water availability for the Combat Center's future. I charge all leaders aboard the installation to take an active role in this important program. Our Marines, Sailors, civilians and family members are ultimately responsible for its success.

My Water Conservation Task Force (WCTF) shall lead efforts to ensure the conservation and sustainability of our water resources. The WCTF shall achieve these goals by evaluating current and projected water use, assessing infrastructure, operations and management practices, implementing relevant conservation technologies and methods, and educating all members aboard the Combat Center. Every effort shall be made to reduce potable water use for non-potable purposes.

This is a community-wide effort. The following water-saving measures are easy steps that shall be adopted by everyone:

- Do not directly apply water to road ways, sidewalks, or parking lots for washing.
- Do not water outdoor landscapes that cause runoff to adjacent property, sidewalks, roadways, parking lots or structures.
- Use a hose that is fitted with a shut-off nozzle.
- Do not use potable water for fountains or decorative water features.

We need to work together as a team to prevent wasting water aboard this installation. Conservation is critical in order to protect our water resources and meet our future requirements.


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